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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 621  
By McNally

A RESOLUTION to designate Interstate 81, Interstate 40 and Interstate 75 in East Tennessee as the "Tennessee Technology Corridor", and erect directional signs on Interstate 40 in Knox County for the "Historic Oak Ridge National Laboratory".

WHEREAS, East Tennessee is blessed with an abundance of scientific and technological resources, particularly at the federal facilities in Oak Ridge and within the many public and private institutions of higher learning, from the Tri-Cities to Knoxville/Oak Ridge to Chattanooga; and

WHEREAS, these resources have spawned the creation and location of hundreds of new high-tech businesses and jobs in East Tennessee over the past decade, and assisted hundreds of existing businesses in making them more productive and competitive in the world marketplace; and

WHEREAS, Congressmen Wamp, Duncan, and Jenkins have sponsored regional "Economic Summits" over the past four years to showcase the business advantages of "The Tennessee Technology Corridor"; and

WHEREAS, promoting nature and technology is an important aspect of Tennessee's marketing message to the nation and world; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL  
ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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CONCURRING, That the Department of Transportation is hereby directed to erect and maintain directional signs at appropriate locations on Interstate 81 Southbound, near the Virginia border, on Interstate 40, eastbound, near the North Carolina border and Interstate 40, westbound near the Harriman/Rockwood exit, and on Interstate 75, near the Georgia and Kentucky borders, designating the region within these boundaries northbound and southbound, as the "Tennessee Technology Corridor".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate historical markers be placed on Interstate 40, both eastbound and westbound near the Pellissippi Parkway indicating the location of the "Historic Oak Ridge National Laboratory" in Oak Ridge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the erection of such directional signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution shall become operative only if the federal highway administrator advises the commissioner of transportation in writing that the provisions of this resolution shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Commissioner of Transportation.